BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT); (a) and (b) Yes Sir. A child of tender age, while participating in the programme 'Gharaunda' broadcast live on 27th May, 1988" from Patna Station of All India Radio unexpectedly made certain utterances of irrelevant and undignified nature, even though the programme had been thoroughly rehearsed earlier. Appropriate action is being taken against those responsible for the lepse. Meanwhile, instructions have been issued- to all the Stations of All India Radio that the programmes of this nature should as far as possible be pre-recorded so that recurrence of such an incident is avoided.

Corruption in CWC Godowns in West Bengal

3155. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether- Government's attention has been drawn about corruption and scandal in CWC Godowns in West Bengal;

(b) whether it is a fact that dealers refused to take delivery of Rape-seed Oil Drums as many of them were containing less oil or mixed with water etc. and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Government's attention has been drawn to the press reports appearing in Statesman ~~3ated 21.4.1988 (Calcutta Edition) and Jugantar (Bengali), Calcutta dated 18.6.1988 regarding water being found in Rapeseed Oil drums meant for distribution. There are however no allegations of corruption against Central Warehousing Corporation in the aforesaid press Reports.

(b) It is a fact that out of -a consignment of 50 barrels, it was found that ll barrels contained water. Delivery of these 11 barrels was suspended and fresh stocks issued.

(c) Steps have been taken to investigate the matter. Meanwhile, *to* avoid hardships to consumers, supplies are being made from alternative source and strict control is being exercised to check deliveries of Refined Rapeseed oil.

Selection of Journalists for Prime Minister's tours

3156. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.-

(a) whether the Press Council of India has adopted any guidelines re garding selection of Journalists for official visits of Prime Minister as well as those organised by Ministries/' Departments of Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether these guidelines have been implemented on Prime Minister's foreign tours?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The Press Council of India has recommended the following guidelines for the selection of Journalists for officially sponsored visits;

(i) Regional representation;

(ii) Linguistic representation;

(iii) Avoidance of over representation of any group of news-papers and that multilingual group should not be represented by more than one person;

(iv) Rotation to ensure that even within one region a paper is not invited repeatedly;